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Complete history is never written in this world, especially that of Christian work. Its source, the heart, is acted upon by various influences difficult to trace. Many of the workers lead obscure lives. When, therefore, we attempt in this number to aid the Auxiliaries in holding a Thank Offering Service, by giving historical and reminiscent accounts of twenty years' work of the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society, we realize that all we can tell will be but as one heart-throb among the myriads during our lives—or like one flash of lightning revealing the night landscape, in comparison with the sunlight of a whole day. It would need one with the wisdom of the All-knowing One, or the breadth of view of the All-seeing One, to be able to give any true idea of what this society has done for woman in this country in lifting her to a higher plane of thought, or in other lands in undermining false beliefs and practices. There are many communities in country districts where it has been the *only* society which has brought women together for educational purposes. The work in each place may seem small, but who can estimate the aggregate of influence upon the church, the home, the individual? In appreciation of what God has done for and through us let us *give ourselves* anew unto the Lord and contribute gratefully of *our substance*. "What shall we render unto the Lord."

HISTORICAL NOTES.

IN thought let us go back twenty years. During 1872 and the winter of 1873 the piteous calls for help from our field in India had stirred many hearts. Circumstances had made it possible for women to begin work in zenanas, but our missionaries were overworked and were unable to enter the open doors. Our Foreign Mission Board was embarrassed by debt and knew not what course to take. At the same time women in different States were feeling so deeply impressed with the duty of doing more for the neglected women of India that a spontaneous correspondence sprang up which led to the purpose to call a meeting for further consultation.

We copy from the records extracts in regard to this first meeting :

"In compliance with a previous call, ladies from New Hampshire, Maine, Rhode Island, and New York met at Sandwich, N. H., June 11, 1873, at 11 o'clock A. M., and organized a meeting for the transaction of business relating to the formation of a Woman's Missionary Society. Mrs. I. D. Stewart was called to preside, and Mrs. Tyrie to act as secretary. Mrs. A. C. Hayes, Mrs. M. M. H. Hills, and Mrs. F. S. Mosher were appointed a committee to prepare a constitution for a F. B. Woman's Mission Society.

"Met according to adjournment in the M. E. church. Mrs. O. R. Bacheler read from the *Star* of May 28 letters from our India missionaries, Rev. J. L. Phillips and Mrs. D. F. Smith, and added some very interesting remarks regarding our workers, also the work of the mission. Mrs. Wm. F. Davis of Rhode Island gave a very cheering account of the formation of an Auxiliary society in Olneyville, and also of an enthusiastic woman's mission meeting at the late Rhode Island Association in N. Scituate. Mrs. A. C. Hayes, as a delegate from Maine, brought greetings and an assurance of sympathy and assistance from Lewiston, Auburn, and other places, with the watchword,

'We have enlisted in this work for life.' Other sisters added interesting and cheering remarks."

After the adoption of the constitution, which has never since been changed in spirit, but has been revised as to methods, the following general officers were elected: President; Mrs. E. S. Burlingame; corresponding secretary, Mrs. A. C. Hayes; recording secretary, Mrs. M. W. L. Smith; treasurer, Miss L. A. DeMeritte; home secretary, Mrs. L. Jordan. Mrs. Burlingame remained in the presidency until 1886, when she resigned on being elected editor of the *MISSIONARY HELPER*. Mrs. Hayes was on the eve of a prolonged absence abroad, and Mrs. J. A. Lowell succeeded her three months later, retaining the position ever since. Mrs. Smith was recording secretary until 1878, Miss S. A. Perkins until 1881, Mrs. A. B. Tourtellot until 1891 (when she was promoted to a higher service), and Mrs. A. M. Metcalf succeeded her. Miss DeMeritte has continued treasurer until the present time. The changes in home secretaries have been so numerous we will not attempt to trace them.

The first annual meeting was held in October, 1873, at Farmington, N. H., in connection with the F. B. Anniversaries. At this meeting the treasurer reported \$538.40 received since the preliminary meeting in June. In October, 1874, a committee was appointed to obtain a charter. After much delay the charter was granted by the Maine legislature in 1883, through the efforts of President O. B. Cheney.

Early in the history of the society two things were decided. One that the work should be done on an equality with, not as Auxiliary to, the Foreign Mission Society, the treasury of the W. M. S. to be an independent one. The other—that the society should work for both Foreign and Home Missions.

The first missionary sent to India was Miss S. R. Libbey. Those who have followed are Misses Ida O. Phillips, Hattie P. Phillips, Mary E. Bacheler, Mrs. D. F. Smith, Misses Lavina Coombs and Ella M. Butts, and Mrs. M. C. Miner. The

society has been richly blessed in the sterling character and faithful service of those whom it has sent out.

The society early became interested in the work of Storer College, and help was rendered the girls there. In 1878 Mrs. F. S. Mosher and others awakened an interest in the unfinished hall begun for the girls. Much enthusiasm resulted and the treasurer reports \$791.81 paid towards finishing Myrtle Hall during 1878, in 1879 \$504.16, and in 1880 \$292.60. This was in addition to several hundreds paid each year in salaries to teachers and help to the girls.

May 30, 1879, on the day when the nation stoops to honor with flowery tributes the graves of the heroes whose death brought life and liberty to a captive race, the dedication of Myrtle Hall provided a building designed to help in the education and elevation of those who were to be future teachers and home-makers among this people. Mrs. E. S. Burlingame gave the dedicatory address in behalf of the W. M. S. The interest in the school has steadily continued. Over a thousand dollars were paid towards Anthony Hall; in addition to salaries and help above referred to, a study room and cooking appliances have been supplied for the girls. The sewing department maintained during the past few years has been very successful; and the new department for teaching scientific cooking is well under way. The bequest by Robert Cristy to the W. M. S. of a large sum—probably \$35,000—to be used for the education of colored children in this country, with Miss L. A. DeMeritte as executor, gives the means for further strengthening and developing the work.

Another branch of home work which had been previously inaugurated was developed at the General Conference at Minneapolis, in 1883, when Eastern and Western members of the W. M. S. met in consultation for the first time. It was then provided that a Western committee should have charge of developing a missionary interest in the West. An annual appropriation was afterwards made for the use of this committee.

Workers were sent out through the Western States, speaking and organizing. Mrs. A. A. McKenney, Rev. Ada Kennan, and others traveled many thousand miles. Churches were strengthened thereby, as money expended for home mission interests was accredited to the societies raising it, the same as if paid into the treasury.

But the work of the missionaries in the India field, including zenana teaching, ragged and industrial schools, and help in almost every department of work there, has needed and received a large share of attention. During the last few years the care of the Sinclair Orphanage at Balasore has been of much interest. This was a gift to the society by the late Rev. J. L. Sinclair. The last report gives the number of girls being educated there as thirty.

Throughout its history the society has done most of its work with unsalaried officers and workers. But during the last three or four years it has recognized the fact that woman's time is as valuable as man's, and in a few cases some remuneration has been given for service.

In 1891 a new department was added to the society's work, that of "Practical Christian Living," the thought being to educate the people to know that the acts of our every-day lives are linked with the salvation of the race. An agent, Mrs. E. S. Burlingame, was employed to travel, addressing Yearly and Quarterly Meetings and churches upon this theme. She gave many addresses on the subject, but often found so little interest in missions that duty required efforts to be made to develop that interest. After two years she resigned and no one else has been appointed.

THE MISSIONARY HELPER.

The need of a magazine was felt soon after the organization of the society, but the undertaking of publishing one was so great that it was deferred until 1877, when a committee of five was appointed, consisting of Mrs. M. M. Brewster, Miss De-Meritte, Mrs. Burlingame, Miss Phillips, and Mrs. Ramsey,

which reported at Fairport in October of the same year in favor of publishing a magazine. The committee met in Providence, Oct. 30, and after studying the financial question decided to publish a bi-monthly, to be called *THE MISSIONARY HELPER*. Mrs. M. M. Brewster, whose enthusiasm as to success had been an inspiration to her associates, was unanimously elected editor and agent, and to her persistence and earnestness the success of the magazine in its early days was largely due. A publication committee was appointed to oversee its interests, one member of which, Mrs. M. N. Davison, has remained on the committee to this day as its secretary. In order that no loss might accrue to the society by any possible financial failure, fifty women had pledged themselves to the amount of ten dollars each in case of deficit, but no call was made for a cent of the money.

The *HELPER* soon proved to be a necessity to the society, and its scope was being constantly widened. The women of West were especially appreciative of its aid, and their entreaties led to its being published as a monthly in 1883. In 1886, with a view of going abroad, Mrs. Brewster resigned the care of the magazine, to which she had devoted so much careful thought, and Mrs. E. S. Burlingame was elected as editor and Mrs. E. H. Andrews as agent, which positions they have since filled.

BUREAU OF MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCE AND EXCHANGE.

This was established to aid Auxiliaries and Bands by providing for them dialogues, poems, and essays to be used in meetings and concerts. Costumes were afterwards added through the painstaking of Miss Kate J. Anthony, who has devoted much time to the Bureau. Any Auxiliary can avail itself of the helps by corresponding with her.

PUBLICATION COMMITTEE.

These ladies have not only cared for the *HELPER*, but had charge of publishing "*Missionary Reminiscences*," an invaluable book compiled for the society by Mrs. M. M. H. Hills. They

have also published constitutions, leaflets, the manual and dialogues. Faithful workers have they been.

EDUCATIONAL BUREAU.

This is such a direct outgrowth of the Woman's Society that it needs to be mentioned here. Members of the society who had been led by their own development in the work to desire to help others, organized this Bureau at Ocean Park for the purpose of giving to those visiting there, especially women and children, as many advantages as possible. The purchase of Curtis Home and the many plans there finding fruition in missionary and other education have more than fulfilled the hopes of those who originated the Bureau.

Now the rest of the acts of this society and all that it has done, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the W. M. S., THE MISSIONARY HELPER.

STRENGTH IN GOD.

BY V. G. RAMSEY.

"I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me."—PHIL. 4:13.

SERVANT of Christ, lift up thine eyes and see
 The desert broad, the wilderness untilled,
 With upas trees and harmful brambles filled;
 This is the field to which He calleth thee—
 This world-wide field. He says, "Go work for Me,
 Nor fear—thy labor shall not be in vain!
 Sin-cursed and barren long My field hath lain;
 Fruitful and fair as Eden it shall be.
 Go work for Me—and Sharon's rose shall bloom,
 And lilies fair amid these desert sands.
 These poisonous waters shall breathe a rich perfume,
 And precious fruits shall grace thy loaded hands;
 Not earth nor hell hath power to do the harm
 Nor stay thy work—*My strength* is in thy arm."

The finest nature, like the truest mind, must be tempered in the hottest furnace.—*Whyte Melville.*

THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY IN THE WEST.

IN 1883, when General Conference met at Minneapolis, there were but few Auxiliaries to the W. M. S. in the West, and these were separated by great distances. At that time Minnesota had three Auxiliaries; Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, and Iowa about the same number. The other Western States not so many, except Michigan, which had more. But General Conference brought so many earnest mission workers from our older States that the Western women who met with them were stirred by their zeal to greater activity in the mission work.

How vivid is the remembrance of those meetings where first we met our sisters who have labored so earnestly for the extension of the Master's kingdom. Some have entered into rest and their labors are crowned with reward, among them dear Sister Tourtellot, who was especially helpful to the West. After General Conference the president of the W. M. S. remained a few weeks in the West. We who were favored with her presence felt the inspiration of her earnest words.

The following year several Auxiliaries were organized in the Minnesota Y. M. In 1885 Michigan had twenty-eight Auxiliaries with six hundred members. Wisconsin had eight Auxiliaries and four Bands. Minnesota had fifteen Auxiliaries, with three hundred and thirty-six members, and one Band. Iowa had six Auxiliaries, and some interest was awakened in Nebraska and Kansas. Wisconsin during this year became Auxiliary to the Parent Board, but continued the support of one teacher in India through the Woman's Society.

In 1886 the writer spent ninety-six days in the field, and organized northern and southern Kansas Y. M's, five Q. M's, and twenty-three Auxiliaries consisting of four hundred and one members. This year finds an Auxiliary in every church in Minnesota, giving them six hundred and forty members.

In 1887 the writer gave eighty-two days to the work, and organized one Y. M., two Q. M's, and twenty-four Auxiliaries with three hundred and forty-nine members; sixteen of these

were in Iowa. While visiting these churches twenty-eight copies of "Missionary Reminiscences," ten copies of the "Life of Miss Crawford," and thirty-six "Manuals" were sold. Several years' copies of the *MISSIONARY HELPER* were given away, and Constitutions, Hints and Helps were scattered everywhere. At the close of 1887 we had two hundred and thirty-nine Auxiliaries, sixty-two Bands, consisting of sixteen hundred members, which raised over \$8,000 in the West.

In 1888, notwithstanding we had no organizer in the field, the interest increased. Iowa has now twenty-two Auxiliaries and one Band with four hundred and thirty-nine members. The Western Association was held at Winnebago City, and to make this meeting more helpful the General Society sent as delegates Sisters Bachelder and Mosher. Their presence was encouraging.

In 1889 aggressive work was done by sending several workers into the field. Mrs. Reeves visited churches in Dakota and Missouri and organized several societies. Rev. Lucy Dodge labored in Nebraska and Kansas. Miss Ida Phillips visited the General Baptists in Indiana, also churches in other States, and did much good with missionary literature. Some interest was awakened among our colored sisters through the efforts of Brother Manning. All hearts were made sad by the death of Sister Ida Phillips. The rest she so much needed in the home land, and did not take, is hers in Heaven.

In 1890 good work was done in several States. Mrs. Kennan labored in Indiana and Illinois, Mrs. Reeves in Illinois and Iowa. Mrs. McElroy did some work in Minnesota, Mrs. Abbey worked faithfully in Kansas, Miss DeMeritte visited the two Y. M's, two Q. M's, and nine churches in Michigan. Iowa women adopted Mrs. Miner as their missionary. The Western Association met at Elburn, where plans were laid which proved helpful in the cause. Agents were appointed in each State for *THE MISSIONARY HELPER*, and superintendents for Mission Bands.

In 1891 efficient work was done by Sisters Kennan, Reeves, McElroy, Abbey, and Moody. Michigan women took Dr. Mary Bachelier for their missionary. The women of Iowa were much encouraged in the support of Mrs. Miner. The Auxiliaries in Dakota formed a Q. M. of their own, which belongs to the Minnesota Y. M. Kansas has done nobly under the leadership of Mrs. Abbey. The Phillips and Osborne Q. M., not connected with any Y. M., was visited by Mrs. Abbey. Mrs. Burlingame, our General Agent, visited Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, and Dakota. The Western Association at Hillsdale in connection with the anniversaries of the General Society proved helpful and encouraging by having sisters throughout the denomination with us.

In 1892 successful work was accomplished, especially by Miss Barnes in Illinois, Miss Moody in Michigan, and Mrs. Abbey in Kansas. The Western Association, held at Spencer, proved quite as helpful as at other times. Mrs. Mosher brought words of encouragement and cheer from the General Society which met at Lowell. The aid given us by the General Society has enabled us to extend our field of labor year by year. Our Auxiliaries, which were so isolated ten years ago, are now surrounded by others which stimulate to earnest endeavor. We have a W. M. S. in every Y. M. and in nearly every Q. M. and church. While the field is broader, the interest deeper, we lack workers, and are anxiously looking forward to the time when each State can furnish one capable woman who can give her time to the needs in her own State. We greatly need this, for our work will not be complete until every Free Baptist woman takes an active interest in our W. M. S. Not always being able to find organizers in our woman's work, we have given a little over \$1,000 of our appropriations towards ministers' salaries, church lots, and church buildings. Five hundred dollars of this sum was given to help the Lincoln, Neb., church. One of the helps we have received in the West is in the visits of our returned missionaries. Our Thank Offer-

ings during the last two years have also been helpful both spiritually and financially. Looking backward over the last decade we have reason to thank God for what he has enabled us to accomplish and to take new courage to press onward.

MRS. A. A. MCKENNEY.

THE SOCIETY'S WORK AT HARPER'S FERRY.

IT is now about eighteen years since our Woman's Board began to aid the work at Harper's Ferry by appropriating \$200 annually to aid poor girls. This money in the hands of Rev. A. H. Morrill rendered a vast amount of aid for the amount expended. The girls of those days were almost all alike poor, and half a ton of coal for half a dozen girls, living, cooking, and studying in one large, cold room, brought lots of sunshine to all of them. This appropriation indirectly aided the school, as a portion of it was sometimes used to pay the small fees that some of them were unable to pay.

But the real work of rescuing and building Storer College began in 1877 and 1878, when a few women, full of energy and rich in faith, undertook to build Myrtle Hall on the foundation laid years before. The ten thousand dollars needed seemed to us at Harper's Ferry too much to hope for, but little by little in dimes and dollars and hundreds it came, and the walls went up, till in January, 1879, the preceptress and the girls of Storer College went into the half-finished building. Then teachers were adopted and money appropriated to help make Myrtle Hall comfortable and homelike. Again in 1880, at The Weirs the Divine inspiration came upon the women just as Dea. Anthony was deciding to devote \$5,000 to the building of a new hall on certain conditions. That inspiration enabled us to meet those conditions, and Anthony Hall was the result.

Three years ago a third teacher was sent for the sewing department, who has finished her work and passed over to the better land. Last of all our domestic science department is the result of the liberality and enterprise of the same Board.

As we review the struggles of the past we wonder what would have been the fate of the Harper's Ferry work but for the timely aid and inspiration given by our Woman's Missionary Society. For whatever of good has been accomplished during the past fifteen years at Harper's Ferry a very large share of the credit justly belongs to the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society.

N. C. BRACKETT.

STORY OF THE "THANK OFFERING"; OR, HOW
IT CAME ABOUT.

IT was at Brooklyn, N. Y. three years ago, in the meeting of the board of managers of the Woman's Missionary Society, that very earnest "calls for help" were being read from our Western churches, from Storer College, and the India field; pleas for *more money* which were so very urgent it seemed as if they *must* be met, and yet no extra funds in the treasury; and these women were trying to see the directions of the Master, as the plans of work and needs were discussed; as the way looked dark, one sister proposed "a season of prayer for direction in the matter," and every woman responded; after which one of the number was requested to sing a hymn which she did.

At its close some one who had been present at a thank offering service and knew its results timidly suggested its plans, and as if an answer to their united prayers had come, after a little talk a committee of three were appointed to be called the finance committee, who were to consider this plan or in some other way provide for extra funds.

The work of this committee for the past two years you well know, and now again in their "call" for the annual thank offerings not only for the unnumbered blessings which surround our every-day life, but for the *special* blessings which have come to us, are we to make acknowledgment in a *visible* shape — "as ye were prospered" — and from ALL a prayer that the blessing of our Almighty Father may rest upon the service, the gifts,

the work, and the workers ; that we may be rightly directed by the Holy Spirit into those paths the Father in his wisdom has marked for us. C.

FINANCIAL NOTES 1873-1893.

A FEW facts taken from the treasurer's accounts may be of interest. The first contributions to the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society were made in June, 1873, by Mrs. M. M. H. Hills, Mrs. D. Conable, Mrs. P. D. Keeney, Mrs. E. Peck, Mrs. Simonds, Mrs. S. Caffee of Fabius, N. Y., and Mrs. Nancy P. Pray, Tamworth, N. H. Mrs. Hills, then living in Fabius, gave one hundred dollars.

The first church contributing was the Main St., Lewiston, Me. It gave the first money for the support of a child in India. The first Auxiliary contributing was that of the Haverhill, Mass., church, and the first Children's Band was the "Little Mission Helpers" of New Hampton, N. H. Of the Western States Wisconsin was the first to send money to the treasury. Mrs. M. M. H. Hills paid for the first life memberships. I think they included herself, Mrs. P. D. Keeney, Mrs. E. Peck, Miss L. Crawford, and Mrs. D. F. Smith.

In New England Maine, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island have always competed in making contributions, Maine generally leading ; and Maine has the largest membership. In the West, Michigan and Minnesota lead. But with a smaller membership Vermont, Massachusetts, Iowa, and Illinois may be doing equally well.

Mrs. A. Galoway of New York made the first bequest. Then followed Mrs. Lydia Shipman of West Topsham, Vt. ; Mrs. A. B. Meserve of New Hampton, N. H. ; Mrs. Mitchell of Waterville, Me. ; Mrs. Hanson of Berwick, Me. ; Mr. Cristy of Dover, N. H. ; and Mrs. True of Lynn, Mass. The estates of the two last named are not yet fully settled, though forty-seven shares of valuable railroad stock have already been transferred

from Mr. Cristy's estate. The "Hebbard Fund," the "Prescott Fund," and "Sinclair Orphanage," were gifts of individuals during life. Besides these a number of contributions varying from \$600 to \$50 have come to our treasury from women whom we are glad to call our strong supporters in hours of need. I cannot recall some of these gifts without feeling how wonderfully the Lord cares for his own when we trust him.

It is a notable fact that the birthplace of the Woman's Society, New Hampshire, has done for her child, by way of bequests and special gifts, more than any other State. We wish other States would follow the example of Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Vermont, and New York in furnishing bequests to our society.

These brief notes would not be complete without giving the names of our missionaries and teachers with time of entering the service.

INDIA.

Mrs. Susie Sibly 1874; left 1876.

Miss Mary Bachelor 1876; in America about seven years, returning 1890.

Miss I. O. Phillips 1877; came home 1887; died 1889.

Miss H. Phillips 1878; came home 1889; returned 1892.

Mrs. D. F. Smith 1882; came home 1891; returned 1892.

Miss L. Coombs 1883.

Miss Ella Butts 1886.

Mrs. Miner 1890.

STORER COLLEGE.

Miss Lura Lightner 1877.

Miss C. Franklin 1881; left 1893.

Mrs. Boothby 1890; died 1893.

Miss Marian G. Vale 1892.

What will our record be during the next twenty years? Unitedly we can say one of greater and wider usefulness. All we ask, I believe, is to keep in line with the onward march of God's purpose with us.

TREASURER.

FROM THE FIELD.

LETTER FROM L. C. COOMBS.

BALASORE, Jan. 30, 1893.

I AM sure you will be wanting to know of the arrival of Mrs. Smith and Miss Phillips, and I will give you something of the happenings during these last few days. We had heard of their arrival in Bombay, and were impatiently waiting for the Decennial Conference to close that they might be again on their way to us. Then we heard that they were in Calcutta and would be in Balasore on Monday, and we tried to behave decorously on Sunday, but on Monday we allowed our happy anticipations to show themselves in various demonstrations; and "Mamma is coming to-day," or, "When will she get here?" or, "Are you sure she will come?" and such like expressions were heard now and then among the girls. At last, when the carriage actually did appear, the school was dismissed and the children crowded the steps of the front veranda, to welcome her. I didn't wait for her to get to the veranda but ran out to meet the carriage and climbed in and greeted her there.

She was glad to get back to her old home and her big family, and over and over again said it all seemed so good and that it was as though she had simply gone out yesterday and come back to-day.

Then the members of the native Christian community wanted to show their gladness and have a reception for the new-comers, and the next evening they gathered in the large hall of the high school building to greet them and express their appreciation of past services and joy at their return. The Rajah of Balasore presided, which was an unusual thing, as the Hindus do not care to attend our social gatherings, or gatherings of any kind for that matter; but he was pleased to be

chairman on this occasion, because "I regard Mrs. Smith as my mother," he said. Several Hindu gentlemen were in and spoke, and there were songs composed for the occasion and sung by the children and young people, accompanied by the music of their native instruments. Of course Mrs. Smith and Miss Phillips had to reply as best they could to all these expressions of love, admiration, and appreciation, which were nearly overwhelming, given as they were with Oriental liberality.

As the days went on, the business of unpacking went on with them, and as those seven boxes which held the things for the work disgorged their contents, we were reminded of Exod. 36: 5-7. As we tried to divide them equally and pack this and that away for future use, we thought we could have the experience of Elijah, and "go in the strength of that meat for forty days and forty nights," and a good many times forty beside.

Among the things "for the work" was a quantity of beans, corn, dried apples, dried fruit, mince meat, etc., and we concluded to have a picnic dinner which should serve the double purpose of a reception dinner for Mrs. Smith and Miss Phillips and a farewell dinner to the Griffin family, Dr. Nellie Phillips, and the little Misses Boyer.

Our bill of fare was one to be appreciated by New England missionaries especially, and it received full justice from those and from other quarters as well—Baked Beans and Brown Bread, Apple Sauce, Mince Pies, and Doughnuts. (Please let each one of them begin with a capital). The pork for the beans and the doughnuts were supplied from a Nova Scotia ship which by a happy coincidence is lying at the mouth of the river just now loading with rice, and whose captain with his wife and niece have found a fellow countrywoman in Mrs. Boyer. We might have allowed the pleasure of this dinner to be alloyed by the thought of those so soon to leave us, but we are glad for them, rather, that they are to have the rest and change which they so

much need. As I write the church bell has rung, calling the Christians together for a farewell meeting for Mr. and Mrs. Griffin, for they leave to-morrow to begin their homeward journey. Dr. and Mrs. Bachelier go later in February, and Dr. Nellie and the children the first of March. Our forces left will be small, but we are in good spirits and courageous. The reports from the cold season work are encouraging.

LETTER FROM MRS. COLDREN.

CHARBATTÀ, Jan. 4.

DEAR READERS OF THE "HELPER":—

We are on our way back from Bhudruck and are stopping here in a little bungalow during the heat of the day, or while the tide is running in the wrong direction for us. We will have our midday meal here, and when the water begins to run down we will go on our way. At present we are using Mr. Griffin's boat, which he lets us use until we get our cabin boat made. We cannot use our little naphtha launch yet, as we have not received the naphtha or gasoline.

At Bhudruck we spent six days. Sunday we had a busy day, beginning with a prayer-meeting before daylight and ending with a communion service in the evening. They have a good Sunday-school there with about twenty Hindu and ten Christian children. They have better singing in their meetings than I have heard outside of Balasore and Midnapore and I will say Bhimpore. The Santals there sing better than the Oriyas or Bengalis.

The Agers, who have been here over two years, have been transferred to Santipore and Contai, as Mr. Ager has been appointed to build a mission house there and it will keep them there the most of the time for a year. They moved to Santipore, where they are supposed to have their headquarters.

On Monday the 2d we had a treat for the school children; presents of clothes, dolls or picture books, and native sweetmeats were given to each child. The children sang hymns

and recited Scripture texts, which they did very nicely. They seemed to enjoy the occasion very much.

For Christmas we had appropriate exercises with about one hundred children in Chandbali, and gave them all presents. Subscriptions were raised in both places to provide the presents, all except the dolls, picture books, and picture cards; these were supplied by friends at home. To some friends in Wisconsin we are indebted for a very fine collection of Christmas and other cards. Many thanks to them and also to the children and others who dressed the dolls and made the pretty picture scrap-books, and also for a nice lot of pieces cut out for patchwork. These I gave to the Bhudruck school, as their pupils are mostly girls. Some of them sew very nicely. One girl thirteen years old made a jacket all by herself. I do not think many girls of her age at home could do better work by hand, if as good, as this girl can do. I'm sure I could not do better stitching and hemming by hand. It pays to teach them to sew well, as then they are prepared to earn something by it and to save by doing the sewing in their own families. In this country the sewing trade is monopolized by the men.

Saturday the 7th. We are back at home now. Next Monday Mr. Coldren will go out again in the boat, but the children and I remain here for study and work and play. The children manage to do plenty of the latter. Now, dear friends, good-by for this time.

E. S. COLDREN.

EVERYDAY DOINGS.

LIFE at this end of Midnapore is full of bustle and incident. While our English neighbors are finding the days and evenings long and tiresome, and devising new methods of passing the time, we are full of business, wishing the days were longer, finding more than enough to do; thinking each morning of the possibilities of the new day, and how much we will do, and in the evening sighing to remember how little of the plan has been accomplished, how much time has been spent

in attending to trifles, which are trifles indeed in doing but not trifles if left undone.

There are many possibilities for work in every department, but sometimes it is money that is lacking, sometimes workers. Could we only take advantage of the opportunities in and about Midnapore, I doubt not these next years would find many hearts really touched. I will tell you of some of the possibilities which come in my own work.

Some months ago I sent out Ellen, a good Christian woman who sings well, to visit among the zenana houses in this part of the town, telling her to sing and explain some of our Christian hymns. I told her to visit a certain number of houses during one half-day. When she came to report she asked if she might go to other houses than those where we have pupils. I said, "No, not this time," and asked her how many houses she had visited. She said about half the number I had asked her to visit—because the women would not let her go, they were not satisfied with the one hymn she was expected to sing, but wanted more and more, and she was called to other houses by the mothers of the children who went and heard her. She was greatly interested in the work, and would be glad to keep it up, but she is not strong enough to walk to any but the few very nearest houses, and the "Midnapore Zenana Agency," as it is called by government, cannot see its way clear as yet to employ Ellen and a conveyance for her for this work, though she would accomplish much good.

Ellen has two daughters and four sons. The oldest son is just getting up slowly from a severe attack of pneumonia. Those readers of the HELPER who have had experience with this malady doubtless associate it with linseed poultices day and night; but Probhat had no poultices—the most careful of native nurses would be too careless for such delicate ministrations—so he has been well wrapped in cotton batting, and when that was taken off he had a warm flannel vest. It has been an anxious time for us who have been having a hand-to-hand fight

with death. We hope and pray the lad has been spared for some good purpose.

Before Miss Butts went to Bombay she gave me the number of the pupils who were to receive Christmas bags and presents. Christmas came on Sunday, and we celebrated it on Saturday. Friday was busily spent in preparing the bags, and Saturday morning the seven schools, with over two hundred pupils, gathered on the bare ground east of the house and sat down on mats and rugs. There were seventy-two little girls, the rest were boys. Parboti, one of the Christian teachers, brought his school into the compound with singing and banners flying, and he walked in front playing an accompaniment on an instrument something like a banjo, with a hollow gourd for a sounding-board. He handed us each a neatly written program of what his boys had prepared for the occasion. There were hymns, recitations, questions and answers, etc., and all the boys did well. Other schools also did well.

Miss Butts one Sunday morning visited this school with a Scripture picture book, in which was a picture of the raising of Jairus's daughter. She showed this to the children, intending after they had looked at it to tell them the story. To her surprise they shouted out at once that it was a picture of the raising of the ruler's daughter. So familiar had their teacher made them with the story they knew the picture at once.

Monday afternoon nearly the whole native Christian community went down to the riverside for a picnic, including all the children and Miss Butts's women and mine. So a long procession wended its way down to a pleasant spot where mats and rugs were spread, and amid singing and chatting and laughter parched rice, sweetmeats, and oranges were eaten, till all were satisfied and impatient to start home. There were about one hundred and fifteen in all.

As the International Sunday-school Lessons take up the minor prophets during the first half of this year, and there seemed to be a demand for something simpler in many of the

Bengal Sunday-schools, Mr. Jewson, an English Baptist missionary, has prepared a series of lessons on the Life of Christ, and we are using them. I gave a lesson paper to each of my zenana teachers yesterday, telling them that would be the Bible lesson in each house for this week. As we had the lesson last Sunday they are familiar with it, and can easily teach it so it will be remembered.

The Stileses have been living in the schoolhouse close by since we came from Darjeeling the first of November. It is interesting to watch the children grow. The little boy seems to develop each day. He talks a great deal now, with inflection and accent and all quite right, but we cannot understand a word he says. He has a picture-book which he is very fond of, and when I go down to see Mrs. Stiles he is usually poring over it and talking away most busily in his funny language. The little girl with her big eyes is growing too, and has a three-cornered, wondering smile for her mother sometimes, and little coos if she is talked to as she likes. This may seem commonplace to write, but it is charming and interesting for us to see and hear.

This is our most pleasant season. The air is cool and fresh and the sunshine pleasant and bright. It seems a different sun from that which shines so fiercely in April and May, heating the air and ground so they cool a little only after several hours of darkness. We can safely go out in this sun at any hour of the day, but then we avoid going out as much as possible during the middle of the day. Our hot days are hotter from ten or eleven till five than the hottest part of the hottest days at home. And there are a good many of them between the commencement of the hot season in March and the setting in of the rains in July.

M. W. BACHELER.

Midnapore, January, 1893.

“Whate’er is sown in love—the lowliest deeds—
Shall bloom and be a flower in Paradise.”

LETTER FROM MRS. T. W. BURKHOLDER.

BHIMPORE, Dec. 17, 1892.

We reached Calcutta on the 27th of October, three days before we were due, because there had been such a calm, prosperous voyage all the way. That was Thursday; by rushing things we managed to get off for Midnapore on the Friday boat, arriving there Saturday morning. Auntie Bachelor and Mary were in Darjeeling; doctor was at home, but looking very feeble. The Stileses were there. Mrs. S's health was not good before baby came, and for more than two months she has been flat on her back, though now sitting up for a little while in an easy chair. They had invited the Griffins to be their guests during the Yearly Meeting; they were to keep house in the schoolhouse near doctor's. She being in such feeble health we went into company with them, entertaining the Griffins and all of us living in the schoolhouse and having a tent for dining-room. Brother James came down from Calcutta and was with us nearly four days. We were very glad he could come before going home. Dear mother and Nell arrived a day or two before the meeting, they were looking well and mother is to stay with us until Hattie arrives. I hope she may make her home with us afterwards, it would be such a comfort. We had a good meeting; all were there but Mrs. Boyer, who is preparing to send her two little daughters home to her mother with Nellie. The first Santal preacher was ordained; it is forty-five years since father began his work among this people, and now we have an ordained man, the pastor of our church here in Bhimpore; he is highly respected.

The meeting closed on Sunday, and as soon as we could get carts from here and get packed off we started for home and drove up here on Wednesday afternoon. Oh, it was so beautiful, so beautiful! The grand old banyan tree was in all its glory, the grass fresh and green after a heavy shower, the trees and plants we had set out had grown wonderfully, and all without and within our dear home was simply lovely. As soon as we

stepped on the veranda, one and another of our people began coming around us, and before night we had seen nearly every one of our Christian people and many of the heathen. They expressed so much thankfulness at our return it was a most delightful welcome home.

Our orphanage has increased so we now have eleven boys and seven girls. Our day and boarding school numbers more than a hundred. This morning I had my usual meeting for children ; there were more than seventy present, both heathen and Christian. Oh, such a wide field for work ! I have been thinking much of the power our Father has promised us. I just long for it. Pray for me.

HOW TO HAVE A THANK OFFERING SERVICE.

THE call for the third annual Thank Offering meeting of our society appeared in March HELPER. It is earnestly desired that all hold the meeting during the month of May, selecting the day of the month that is most convenient for the local church. The following suggestions as to how to plan for the meeting are presented with the hope that they will prove helpful. Let *all* the women of the church and congregation have a special invitation to meet and bring with them an envelope containing a thank offering for all the blessings which come to them as women through the Gospel, along with a text written out in full but with no signature. After the devotional exercises the envelopes are collected, one sister is chosen to open them, another to count the money contents, and two others with good strong voices to take their turn in reading the texts ; when there are many the reading of them is interspersed with singing ; a suitable hymn is chosen, the place kept, and between every half dozen or dozen texts one verse is sung.

Any sister so situated that she cannot respond to this call from her own church may still be sure of the blessing by observing the call and sending her offering direct to our general treasurer, Miss L. A. DeMeritte, Dover, N. H.

In order to facilitate the work the committee have arranged to furnish printed invitations for local meetings. (See copy below.) These invitations will be furnished in any number desired free of charge. Each invitation will contain an envelope to receive the individual offering, that should be presented at the meeting or sent to the local treasurer on or before the date of meeting. The local committee will have simply to send for such number of invitations as they desire, and then fold and send to individuals. Don't fail to use them. Send your order at once to Mrs. I. E. G. Meader, 14 White St., Pawtucket, R. I.

FORM OF INVITATION.

"I will sing unto the Lord because he hath dealt bountifully with me."—Ps. 13: 6.

DEAR SISTER:—Because of the ever recurring need among the unsaved both in Christian and heathen lands, and in recognition of the blessings that come to all through the Gospel, the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society has issued a call to every sister in our churches to give unto the Lord a thank offering both of material substance and of spiritual praise. That you may share the blessing you are invited to share in the offering, which in our church will be rendered on May—, in the church parlor at—, P. M.

We earnestly invite your presence, that you may both give and get good; your prayers for a spiritual blessing upon the Woman's Society and for the success of its work; and your gifts according to the measure God has given into your trust.

If you are not circumstanced so as to give of your substance, surely from a life full of blessing you can offer praise and thanksgiving; hence we urge that you attend the service, bringing such gifts as you have in store.

The following program is simply suggestive, and may be adjusted as seems desirable:

1. Hymn.
2. Recitation, 23d Psalm in unison.

3. Invocation, the Lord's Prayer.
4. Hymn.
5. Prayer for God's presence in the meeting, that hearts may be receptive to the Spirit's influence.
6. Brief sketch of the origin of the Woman's Missionary Society, bringing out the thought that God called the society into existence and that it has continually "found grace in his sight."
7. Scripture. Exod. 33: 9-17.
8. Prayer—of thankful recognition of God's leading during the twenty years of the society's existence.
9. Sketch of work undertaken and accomplished by the society.
10. Scripture—Ps. 68: 11 (R. V.).
11. Prayer—thanksgiving for success attained, that many more laborers may be brought into both the home and foreign fields.
12. Solo or duet.
13. Opening of envelopes and reading of texts.
14. Report amount of offering.
15. Scripture. Mal 3: 10-12.
16. Prayer—that God's people everywhere may get a broader conception of what he requires at their hands, that they may be continually witnessing for him "both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."
17. Hymn.
18. Prayer—for God's blessing on the workers in all mission fields, that recent converts may be strong in their purpose and loyal in their service.
19. Remarks.
20. Closing Hymn.

This thank offering should be made as special and extra by the individual, and should not take the place of systematic pledges, yet it may properly be applied toward meeting amounts pledged by Yearly Meeting and State societies. It is hoped that Yearly Meeting, Quarterly Meeting, and Auxiliary officers will co-operate in the plan by devising ways and means that the meetings may be generally held and a grand spiritual blessing result.

ELLA H. ANDREWS,	} <i>Finance Committee.</i>
SUSAN A. PORTER,	
CLARA A. RICKER,	

ONE WAY.

BY L. A. DEMERITTE.

AS our finance committee have planned a Thank Offering for the coming May it may be helpful to some one to know how one Auxiliary observed it two years ago.

The Auxiliary appointed a committee to arrange the service. This committee sent to the proper parties for the thank offering letter, procured small envelopes and marked them "Thank Offering," and sent them to every lady member of the church. The letter stated when the service would be held, and asked every one to send their offering to a person named in the letter, or drop it into the contribution box Sabbath morning if they could not attend the service. Even non-resident members were written to. The result was very satisfactory. A good program for the evening was arranged, a good many were present, and the offering amounted to over thirty dollars.

As our committee desires to make this an offering of praise to God for all his goodness to us, and as it is a blessed opportunity of recognizing our dependence upon him, it is very important that this be a public service, and that it be observed by churches where there are no Auxiliaries as well as where there are.

In 1891 the thank offering contribution amounted to nearly \$350, in 1892 to some more than \$350. We hope this *twentieth* year thank offering will far exceed that amount.

Looking back the twenty years and seeing what they have done for women, done what no other twenty years have done, we have cause to make an offering out of grateful hearts as the Lord has prospered us.

“ THROUGH our upward pilgrimage,
Larger, deeper lessons learning,
May we still in labors blest,
Never tire and never rest;
And with forces ever new
Serve the holy and the true.”

PRACTICAL CHRISTIAN LIVING.

**WHAT THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY HAS
MEANT TO OUR HOMES.**

WITH the June roses of '93 will come the twentieth birthday of the Woman's Missionary Society. And now that this bright young child of ours has blossomed into womanhood it is well worth while to consider for a little what the brief years of her opening and developing life have signified to our homes.

We were inexperienced in the kind of work she brought to us, but the new love and interest that came to our hearts gave a sense of responsibility that made us eager to gather here and there every helpful influence that should make us worthy of this new motherhood.

She was a representative child. Sometimes a woman comes to the time of maternity without any special fondness for children, indeed quite indifferent to the children of others; but when the hour arrives that endows her with this new and holy relationship she sees represented in the sweet innocence of her own child the children of others. One tiny babe is the key that unlocks her heart, and in troop all the children of earth. And so have our hearts been opened through this dear society of ours, wherein are represented the children—and those of larger growth, children no less in ignorance and need—of our own India, while through this same representative new and endearing ties have bound our hearts to many another in the West and at Harper's Ferry.

Then again the sisterhood that she represents. Sacred indeed is the cord of love that binds our hearts together. Those of us who have laid away natural sisters know well with what loving, longing eyes we have often looked upon the sister of another. And this society has represented to us other sisters who have wrought with us in the love of our common interest.

Heart has beat responsive to heart. Prayer has echoed prayer, and a sweet sense of unity in interest, plan, and devotion has made us all kin.

When this new care first came to us we were timid in our inexperience. We had worked in and for other societies, had often wished to voice our loyalty to the interests they represented, to suggest perhaps some plan that we thought might be of advantage, but it was so much easier in our lack of self-confidence to leave these things for those more experienced that we quietly plodded on, doing our own part as we conscientiously thought, and all the time robbing ourselves of the growth and enlargement that was our due. But when our very own child was born, when we found ourselves as Free Baptist women standing responsible for this one young life, it drew out all there was of our mother nature—a quality that dares take on new toil, step out of old ruts, and take up any cross that the one deep love demands. And so those who had done little where little responsibility had been felt did more; those who had been silent found a voice where questions of moment arose regarding our new charge; those who had loved Him little in whose name this society had come to us, found their love wonderfully increased. Love deep and strong was begotten as the sweet reward of service, and the reflex influence of the same love showed in increased toil.

Then again, when we found ourselves with this new responsibility, there was an instinctive feeling that we must become better fitted to care for so sacred a trust. No longer could we afford to live a narrow and environed life. Our thought must be broadened. We must have a better acquaintance with the world and its needs; must become familiar with the work of missions and be able intelligently to trace their progress from the time the Son of God came into the world as the first missionary until the present. Knowing that no person can safely set up in business without first making a careful study of the line to be undertaken, we determined to so familiarize our-

selves with this grand work that no mistakes of ours should mean disaster to its best interests. And so we have been earnest students in order to become worthily fitted to have in charge such noble work.

But the mind may be never so carefully cultivated, and yet without preparation of heart none can be truly fitted to forward an enterprise like this. Only sincere love for our Heavenly Father can bring us into true accord with his important business. This known, there was no choice to be made but that of full consecration of heart to his service. If it needed our best work, our best work it must have, and in order for this our own selves had to be developed, our outlook broadened, our minds better stored, and our hearts more fully imbued with the spirit of the Master.

Who, then, can tell how much these things have meant to the membership of our society? And if to them, how much to their homes? Homes where a new dignity has been added to wifehood and motherhood; where the fruitage of the mother's life is the daughter's legacy; where childhood is born and bred in the atmosphere of love for the unfortunate and faith in the uplift of humanity.

Society and home interests have been blended and each has been the better for the other. And so our Woman's Missionary Society is bearing more and more fruit in our homes in the South and West and across the sea. That its work shall broaden and extend each year we cannot doubt. That its influence in the homes shall send a wave of help and blessing far and wide is as certain as that result follows cause.

As Charles king of Sweden, failing to accomplish all for his country that he desired, put his hand upon the head of his son Gustavus Adolphus, his pride and hope, and said, "He will do it," so our membership, not yet satisfied with the success attained, looks forward with faith in the loyalty instilled into the hearts of the daughters, expecting far greater achievements at their hands.

S. A. PORTER.

Blackstone, Mass.

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.

WE AND OUR MOTHERS.

"Children are what the mothers are."—LANDOR.

AS I think of the development of the young people's movement within our own borders, and see the girls and boys working so earnestly as mutual helpers, two contrasting pictures present themselves to my mind's eye—one of to-day and one of yesterday; seemingly remote from each other, but linked goldenly for all that.

The one, of a recent A. C. F. meeting led by a school-girl who had no thought of being conquered by her genuine shyness and the fact that "the minister would be there" when her turn came to conduct the little prayer-meeting, but led it with a quiet dignity and a few preluding words directly to the point on the topic of the hour. It warmed the heart to see her, just an average girl, as the world judges, and yet a strong, sweet individual, whose light will shine always with a steady radiance to lead her mates unto Christ.

Suddenly the scene changes to a public meeting of the "Freewill Baptist Female Missionary Society," organized in 1847. It is a woman's meeting, to be sure, but not a single woman takes part in it. One man has been selected to preside, another to read the report of the secretary, others make brief addresses and take a collection. It was a great step in advance to have a society at all. We are justly proud of the fact that *our* mothers organized the *first* national Woman's Missionary Society in the United States. In those days women's voices were all untried and untrained, but they had begun a noble work for themselves and the world, which grew and brightened until its influence touched these days and made it possible for a little school-girl to conduct an A. C. F. meeting so happily.

As young people we owe much to the Woman's Missionary Society. What children are depends largely upon what education the mothers had, what example they set, what early training they gave. It was not enough that our fathers were busy inspiring the boys by force of example, the work needed the mother-touch; and, after the older "Female Society" had accomplished its work, the present Woman's Missionary Society was organized. How it has "developed personal responsibility in women, emphasized the need of systematic benevolence, and awakened an abiding interest in the great work of bringing the world to Christ" is well known, and we can readily see how such development has made possible the present working together of young women and men, how the practical system has crept into our plans, and how the influence of all their previous work is felt throughout our own.

But we have been even more directly influenced. Soon after their organization they began to form "Children's Bands," where many of us received our first missionary lessons, learning how good a thing it is to live in a Christian land, and how our pennies might help the children who had not been taught about Christ. How it kindled our missionary zeal to hear the talks and recite the poems and trace those strange countries upon the map! It grew to be very vivid and real. We well remember our silent and pitiful scorn of a little girl who did not know where India was. I fear we were sad little Pharisees in those days.

Some of us have learned too, through the influence of our mothers, how best to give of what is given us. In one young woman's room always stands the little "Thank Offering" box of the W. M. S., with its suggestive mottoes, "In His Name," "The World for Christ," "Giving Thanks Always for All Things," etc. Into it goes the "tenth" which is to be given out in different channels. It was this mute petitioner that suggested that it would be a joyful privilege for us young people to make a thank offering to our mothers on their twentieth

anniversary. Not taking from other needs, but making a special gift—little or much—of grateful appreciation at this special time.

Whatever practical form our thought may assume, we can heartily unite in saying, "God bless our mothers!" May we all as loyal children be more consciously inspired by them to do better work everywhere—in the wide general field, in our young people's societies, in the church, and at home. So shall we be drawn nearer together as fellow-workers "In His Name," and to-day will be a blessed outgrowth of yesterday.

NELLIE WADE WHITCOMB.

SANTAL GIVING.

JUST before New Year's our native pastor, Pella, wrote a letter to all of the Santal Christians and had it printed. In this he told them how good God had been to us during the past year, and urged them to remember him by bringing in their tithes and gifts to the church. I had heard that forty rupees had been given during the week of prayer last year. This year the rice crop had been a complete failure in some places, so I said to myself, "We will not get much this year."

All of the members who were able to read had a copy of the letter. New Year's came on Sunday, as you all remember. On that day we had our regular services. Monday morning at eight o'clock we had a prayer-meeting. In the afternoon we met again. In the evening some fifty of us went to the house of one of our Christians for a meeting. We kept up these services for four days, all of which were well attended, but we did something besides praying. I think at every meeting held during the day-time some gifts were brought. Before the week of prayer one of our farmers brought a tithe of his rice crop which had just been harvested. He took it to the chapel and poured it on to the floor near the table we use as the pulpit. This was sold and the money put into the church treasury.

You would have laughed could you have seen what gifts were brought. The first morning a basket of *bigons* (fruit of the egg plant) and other vegetables were placed on the table. At the close of the service the people gathered about and these were auctioned off by the native pastor. I said, "We shall have to bring a pair of scales and sell these at the market prices." At once some one replied, "No, no, we will sell them to the highest bidder; no matter if we do give more than they are worth, it all goes to the Lord's work." So the bidding began and soon all were sold.

What do you suppose the nice people of America would think if when they went into one of their elegant churches they should find a chicken tied to the table leg, and hear it peeping while the people were praying! Then when the meeting would be over imagine your pastor lifting the poor chick up over the table, telling all about what a fine chicken it was, and then calling for bids! We *did* just such unheard-of things this year in Bhimpore.

Here came a basket of yams, another of native beans, here is a gift of red peppers, there are three or four hens' eggs which some one has brought. Another poor woman who wishes to have a share in the giving brings a small basket of rice. Tied to one of the veranda posts is a sheep, to a peep tree close by is a heifer—both gifts. Others brought rice which had just been thrashed out. A young man who deals in cloth brought one as his gift to the Lord. In all, four head of cattle, three sheep, a number of fowl, were given, besides all the rice, vegetables, etc. At almost every meeting money was placed on the table by some one. After all of the things were sold we found to our surprise that sixty-two rupees had been given! A heifer and a young bullock owned by some of our people living a long way off are yet to be sold. Don't you think we were *very* thankful and praised God for what he had done for us? Besides these special gifts we have a monthly contribution. Every church-member—yes, and every child belonging to the

Christian families—is expected to bring something to church on communion Sunday. They put their money not into envelopes but into tiny calico bags on which their names are written, then when the treasurer calls their names they come and drop the bag into his box. I don't want to make you think that every one *does* give something every month, still a great many do, so that we are able to pay our pastor and help to pay others and still have more than two hundred rupees on hand. Don't you think God will keep his word and bless us if we give him our tithe and gifts as well? Of course he will. We expect each year that he will help our people to do more and more. We expect too that many more will want to love and serve him. It pays, children, to give to him. Try it.

Bhimpore, India.

J. P. BURKHOLDER.

KIND DEEDS.

BY JOSEPHINE POLLARD.

OH, how many hearts are breaking!
 Oh, how many hearts are aching
 For a loving touch and token,
 For the word you might have spoken.
 Say not in the time of sorrow,
 "I will soothe their grief to-morrow";
 Prove your friendship lest they doubt it.
 Go at once; be quick about it.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

WISELY or unwisely, it was decided to make this issue of the HELPER a Thank Offering number. This has prevented the usual division into departments. But there will appear articles adapted to most of these. In place of "Helps for Monthly Meetings" see suggestions and program, as arranged by the finance committee. All reports for "Words from Home Workers" must wait, besides other interesting communications. Had the articles all been in the editor's hand before she wrote "Historical Notes," some repetitions might have been avoided which occur in references to the same thing made by different parties. . . . Mournfully, tenderly we refer to the death of Mrs.

Boothby, whose efficient service at Harper's Ferry we have all appreciated. She sleeps well, for she labored faithfully. . . . Articles for Thank Offering service which do not appear in this number will find place in the May HELPER.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

F. B. WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Receipts for February, 1893.

MAINE.

Acton and Milton Mills aux., for H. and F. M.	\$5.00
Augusta aux., native teacher . .	8.00
Abbot, Mrs. Ela25
Bradford, Mrs. Hall .25, Mrs. Kingsbury \$1.00	1.25
Brownfield aux.	3.00
Dover and Foxcroft aux.	3.00
Ellsworth Q. M. aux., F. M. . . .	6.25
East Corinth, Mrs. Mary B. Wingate	16.50
Gray, Hattie F. Wormwood for children in Sinclair Orphanage, Lewiston aux., Main St. ch. Miss Coombs's sal.	18.18
Lisbon aux., do	14.50
Lagrange ch.	1.15
Limerick aux., L. M. of Ellen M. Brown	5.47
Milo aux.	3.50
Mapleton aux., Paras	8.08
New Portland aux., 1st F. B. ch. F. M.	4.55
No. Lebanon aux.	10.00
No. Gorham, Abby F. Phinney . .	1.00
Portland aux., 1st F. B. ch. Mrs. Boothby's sal. \$10.00, zenana work at Balasore \$5.00	15.00
do Miss N. I. Ageson's S. S. class, Miss Coombs's sal. . . .	10.00
do "Whatsoever" Circle K. D. for "Ouno" at Bhimpore . .	18.00
Parsonsfield Q. M., appro. bal. L. M. Mrs. Newton Clough . .	5.25
Raymond, Mrs. E. Plummer . . .	1.00
Sebec Q. M., col.	4.81
West Bowdoin aux., Miss Coombs's sal.	9.00
West Lebanon aux., Mrs. Lightner, Miss Butts, and Gen. Fund equally, and bal. L. M. Mrs. Levi Cowell, and on L. M. Mrs. A. A. Lord	12.00
do Miss Clara E. Stanton	1.00

York Co. Q. M. aux.	\$9.45
With money already sent by No. Berwick Maine aux. Mrs. H. Lowden a L. M. total \$189.39	

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Ashland, Mrs. D. Bachelder . . .	\$5.00
Center Sandwich, Y. P's Soc. for sal. of Bible teacher at Balasore, do aux. for Miss Butts and Mrs. Lightner	6.00
do Mrs. G. O. Wiggins do do	5.50
do	5.00
Canterbury Center ch., do do . .	3.00
Candia Village aux.	15.00
Dover, Miss C. Matthews Wash. St. ch.	2.00
Danville aux., Mrs. Lightner and Miss Butts	16.00
do "Golden Rule Workers" for child in Sinclair Orphanage, Gilmanton Iron Works aux., Miss Butts and Mrs. Lightner	5.00
Lakeport aux., do do	27.28
Meredith aux., Mrs. Lightner, Miss Butts, and Gen. Fund equally	11.00
New Hampton aux., Miss Butts's sal.	5.00
do Mission Band school in India	5.00
Northwood Ridge aux., Miss Butts's sal.	10.00
Portsmouth aux., Mrs. Lightner and Miss Butts	3.00
Rochester aux., True Memorial ch. for sch. Balasore \$1.00, Mrs. Lightner's sal. \$5.00	6.00
Strafford Corner aux., Mrs. Lightner and Miss Butts	5.00
Total \$149.78	

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Corinth Q. M., col. for Mrs. Smith's sal.	\$2.72
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do aux., W. B. D. Avery	
and family for do	\$3.00
Huntington Q. M., col. for do . .	4.40
Janesville, Mrs. E. Stevens do . .	1.00
Middlesex, W. O. Cummings do . .	5.00
do Anna A. Cummings do . .	1.00
do L. M. L. for "Soundree"	
in Orphanage	2.00
So. Strafford aux., for Mrs. Smith,	5.00
Washington aux., do	2.25
do Rev. H. F. Dickey do . .	5.00
do C. E. Soc. do	1.63
do "Hopeful Workers" for	
Clara Thorn in Orphanage . .	6.00
Total 39.00	

MASSACHUSETTS.

Haverhill aux., for Haverhill sch.	
and L. M. Mrs. S. B. Bachelor	\$20.00
Somerville aux., F. M.	4.00

RHODE ISLAND.

Auburn ch., Miss Phillips	\$1.50
do do Indus. Dep't.	1.50
Providence aux., Greenwich St.	
Indus. Dep't. \$3.25, Miss Phil-	
lips \$3.00	6.25
do Mrs. Carrie Wheeler	
Greenwich St. Indus. Dep't. . .	5.25
do S. S. Greenwich St. Miss	
Phillips and Indus. Dep't each	
\$6.25	12.50
do Mrs. John Fletcher of	
Roger Wms. aux., India work . .	6.25
do J. L. Tourtellot R. Wm.	
ch. India work	10.00
do special offering R. Wm.	
ch. do	5.00

PENNSYLVANIA.

Jackson, Mrs. C. P. Prescott, Mr.	
C. P. Prescott, Rev. C. M.	
Prescott, Mrs. J. Burlick, and	
Mrs. O. C. Whitney each \$1.00	
for native teacher Patra	\$5.00

ILLINOIS.

Campbell Hill aux., for F. M. . .	\$2.00
Prairie City aux.	5.00
Terre Haute, Mrs. J. H. Peck for	
missionaries	1.00

INDIANA.

Noble Q. M. for F. M.	\$3.25
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MICHIGAN.

Bath aux.	\$3.00
Bruce ch., F. M. Miss Bachelor .	2.00
Calhoun and No. Branch aux., F.	
M. Miss Bachelor \$17.26, H.	
M. \$2.40	19.66
Genesee Q. M. aux., F. M. Miss	

Bachelor \$5.42, H. M. \$2.38 . .	\$7.80
Hillsdale Q. M. aux., F. M. Miss	
Bachelor \$38.48, H. M. \$11.94,	50.42
do ch. primary S. S. chil-	
dren's work in India	10.00
Kingston Mission Band, Mrs.	
Stiles's work	2.30
Lansing Q. M., col.	2.15
Van Buren Q. M. aux., F. M.	
Miss Bachelor \$13.71, H. M.	
\$4.34, Storer Col. \$2.17	\$20.22

IOWA.

Estherville aux., for Mrs. Miner .	\$10.00
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WISCONSIN.

Oakland, F. B. S. S. Mission	
Band Birthday Offering for Sin-	
clair Orphanage	3.25

MINNESOTA.

Alton aux., F. M.	\$2.64
Minneapolis, "King's Workers"	
1st ch. for Delodi's sal.	5.00
do do for Ind. Dep. Storer	
col.	5.00
do aux. 1st ch. Storer Col. . .	5.00
do Mrs. Francis P. French	
for Rachel Das	10.00
Pickwick aux., Storer College . .	1.00
Spring Valley, Mrs. Elsie Kinch	
F. M.	5.00
Winnebago aux., F. M.	20.00
do Q. M. aux. do	4.50
Winona and Houston Q. M. aux.,	
do	3.40

KANSAS.

Clear Fork aux., ch. work \$10.00,	
State work \$10.00	\$20.00
Mt. Pleasant aux., Bible reader	
Midnapore	6.25

NEBRASKA.

Salem aux., F. M.	\$1.67
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SOUTH DAKOTA.

Rapid City, L. O. and J. E. Bayless	
\$5.00, Mr. Gable \$2.00 for	
Chandbali	\$7.00

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

Montreal, Mrs. D. W. Moulton	
for Mrs. Smith	\$1.00
Sherbrooke, F. R. Moulton and	
Mrs. Q. Wood each \$1.00 for	
Mrs. Smith	2.00
Stanstead aux., zenana teacher	
Emily	15.00

Total \$712.93

LAURA A. DEMERITTE, Treas.
Dover, N. H.